

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 2-12 and 14-24; claims 1 and 13 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 2-12 and 14-24 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter as the invention. Independent claim 1, the claim with containing the phrases that lacked antecedent basis, has been cancelled rendering the rejection of that claim and the depending claims moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1-3 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucent Technologies Inc. (US WO00/28778) in view of Brooks et al (US 6,009,507) hereafter Brooks. In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled the claims 1 and 13 without prejudice. The limitations of claims 1 and 13 have been incorporated into claims 4 and 16.

Claims 2-3, 5-12, 14-15 and 17-24 depend from amended claims 4 and 13 respectively and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims 4 and 13. Therefore, the allowance of claims 2-12 and 14-24 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 4-12 and 16-24. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 4 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

As noted above, claims 4 and 16 have been amended in order to overcome the Examiner's objections. Consequently, the Applicant believes claims 4 and 16 and the respective dependent claims are in a condition of allowance. The Examiner's consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Prior Art Not Relied Upon

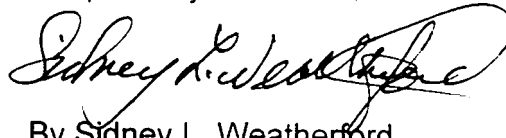
In paragraph 6 on page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sidney L. Weatherford", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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